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SUBJECT: VISIT OF GUINEAN MINISTER ISMAEL TOURE TO
CANADA AND POSSIBLY US

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1. SUMMARY: MINISTER ISMAEL TOURE LEAVING FOR CANADA
MARCH 17, MIGHT RETURN VIA US ABOUT MARCH 23. REQUEST
DEPARTMENT CHECK URGENTLY WITH DAVID REYNOLDS OF REYNOLDS
METAL CORPORATION AND INFORM US BY IMMEDIATE CABLE IF
MEETING WITH TOURE IS POSSIBLE MARCH 23. WE BELIEVE IT
WOULD BE HELPFUL FOR TOURE TO CALL ON DEPARTMENT AND
OTHER USG OFFICIALS IF HE VISITS WASHINGTON. HOPE TO
CONFIRM HIS PLANS MARCH 14 AND WILL REPORT. END SUMMARY

2. IN CONVERSATION MARCH 13, MINISTER OF DOMAIN FOR
ECONOMICS AND FINANCE ISMAEL TOURE (PRESIDENT TOURE'S
HALF BROTHER) CONFIRMED TO AMBASSADOR THAT HE IS
LEAVING MARCH 17 FOR BRIEF VISIT IN OTTAWA WITH A
STOP-OVER IN MONTREAL AFTERWARD. AMBASSADOR ASKED RE
CHANCE OF HIS VISITING US, SEEING REYNOLDS METAL CORPORATION
AND MEETING WITH APPROPRIATE USG OFFICIALS.

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3. TOURE SAID HE SENT DAVID REYNOLDS A TELEX FEBRUARY 28
SUGGESTING A MEETING IN WASHINGTON AFTER MARCH 22 BUT HAD
HAD NO REPLY YET. TOURE SAID HE THOUGHT A VISIT IN
STATE DEPARTMENT WOULD BE USEFUL, AS MIGHT A CALL AT
EXIM-BANK. ALSO THOUGHT A VISIT WITH U.S. STEEL AND
PERHAPS GRUMMAN AIRCRAFT COULD BE INTERESTING. HE SAID

HE WOULD CHECK OUT THE PRINCIPLE AND TIMING WITH PRESIDENT TOURE THIS EVENING AT PRESENTATION OF CREDENTIALS BY CANADIAN AMBASSADOR ASSELIN AND WOULD GIVE US RESPONSE TOMORROW. AMBASSADOR SUGGESTED POSSIBILITY OF ISMAEL TOURE'S EXTENDING HIS VISIT IN THE US TO SEE ADDITIONAL PEOPLE AND PLACES AS IV GRANTEE. HE SEEMED INTERESTED AND SAID HE WOULD RAISE THIS ALSO WITH PRESIDENT AND LET US KNOW MARCH 14.

4. AMBASSADOR TOOK OCCASION TO AGREE A VISIT WITH EXIM-BANK COULD BE USEFUL AND POINTED OUT IMPORTANCE IN THIS CONNECTION OF GOG'S PROVISION OF DATA CLARIFYING ITS INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL POSITION, AS THIS IS FUNDAMENTAL REQUIREMENT FOR EXIM SUPPORT.

5. AMBASSADOR ALSO MENTIONED RECENT CONAKRY VISIT OF U.S. STEEL REPRESENTATIVES AND ASKED HOW TALKS HAD GONE. TOURE SAID DISCUSSIONS HAD BEEN ABOUT PARTICIPATION BY U.S. STEEL SHIPPING SUBSIDIARY, NAVIOS CORPORATION, IN BAUXITE TRANSPORT. HE SAID TALKS HAD GONE WELL BUT U.S. STEEL MAY HAVE GOT A DECEPTIVELY OPTIMISTIC VIEW; THE MATTER IS COMPLICATED BY INVOLVEMENT OF SEVERAL MINISTRIES, AND DECISION MAY BE A LONG TIME COMING. AMBASSADOR EXPRESSED VIEW THAT EXISTENCE OF NAVIOS SHIPPING CONTRACT WITH GOG MIGHT PROVIDE PSYCHOLOGICAL ENCOURAGEMENT FOR U.S. STEEL WITH REGARD TO PARTICIPATION IN MIFERGUI-NIMBA. TOURE UNDERSTOOD CONFIDENTIAL

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BUT REITERATED IT IS A COMPLICATED MATTER THAT WILL TAKE TIME.

6. ACTION REQUESTED: WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT'S URGENTLY CONTACTING REYNOLDS RE TOURE'S TELEX AND POSSIBILITY OF WASHINGTON MEETING MARCH 23. PLEASE INFORM US BY IMMEDIATE CABLE, AS IT WOULD BE MOST HELPFUL TO HAVE THIS RESPONSE WHEN TOURE CALLS AMBASSADOR MARCH 14.

7. COMMENT: AS AMBASSADOR ASSELIN INDICATED TO US EARLIER MARCH 13, TOURE'S VISIT TO CANADA APPEARS AN EXPLORATORY ONE TO GIN UP GREATER CANADIAN INTEREST IN ECONOMIC AID AND INVESTMENT. (ASSELIN SAID HE HAD (URGED TOURE TO KEEP THE DISCUSSION PRACTICAL AND NOT FRIGHTEN THE GOC WITH TALK OF GIANT, EXPENSIVE PROJECTS).

7. TOURE'S VISIT TO WASHINGTON COULD BE CONSTRUCTIVE. WE WILL MAKE SPECIFIC SUGGESTIONS IF IT APPEARS VISIT MAY MATERIALIZE. IN ANY EVENT, WE HOPE HE CAN MAKE CONTACT WITH REYNOLDS, AS INITIATION OF DISCUSSION OF DABOLA BAUXITE PROJECT COULD REPRESENT IMPORTANT CONTRIBUTION TO POSITIVE MOMENTUM OF US-GUINEAN RELATIONS.

8. TOURE'S HEDGING ON NAVIOS CHANCES FOR BAUXITE TRANSPORT
CONTRACT MAY REFLECT CONTINUING MANUEVERING BY DANISH
SHIPPING AGENT BANG.
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